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The paragraph beginning on page 6, line 11, has been amended as follows:

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- The present invention also provides the material for controlling organisms described in Claim 4, wherein the ceramic is a material or a combination of materials selected from hydroxyapatite ceramics, barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead. -

The paragraph beginning on page 9, line 18, has been amended as follows:

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- The present invention also provides the material for selective adsorption for proteins described in Claim 8, wherein the ceramic is a material or a combination of materials selected from hydroxyapatite ceramics, barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead. -

The paragraph beginning on page 12, line 7, has been amended as follows:

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- The present invention also provides a cement material described in any of Claims 14 and 15, wherein the ceramic is a material or a combination of materials selected from hydroxyapatite ceramics, barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead. -

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The paragraph beginning on page 13, line 11, has been amended as follows:

- [The present invention also provides the biomaterial described in any of Claims 14

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and 15, wherein the ceramic is a material or a combination of materials selected from hydroxyapatite ceramics, barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead.] -

The paragraph beginning on page 21, line 15, has been amended as follows:

- [It has been confirmed by the present inventors that the effect of the treatment by

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polarization similar to that obtained by using barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, and various other materials including stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead.] -

In the Claims:

Amend claims 2, 5, 9, 13, 16, 20 and 21 to read as follows:

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2. (Amended) A method for controlling organisms according to Claim 1, wherein the ceramic is a material or a combination of materials selected from hydroxyapatite ceramics, barium titanate ceramics, strontium hydroxyapatite ceramics, hydroxyapatite ceramics containing calcium or strontium as solid solutions, lithium niobate ceramics, sodium niobate ceramics, potassium niobate ceramics, glasses and crystallized glasses which contain calcium phosphate, stabilized and partially stabilized zirconia ceramics, ion conductive alumina (so-called  $\beta$ -alumina) ceramics, and piezoelectric ceramics containing lead.